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Two Tiered System ?

by Ron Horne

A number of recent developments in the area of government funding for universities seem to support the observation, made by a variety of individuals, that the province's universities are facing a period of transition and change. No clear consensus has emerged over the nature or extent of these changes, and the uncertainty that has lead some to suggest that the universities are at the brink; that they are facing a real crisis, one that will substantially alter the system as we know it today.

The shifts and vagaries of government policies towards the universities have contributed significantly to the current problems. Decisions made in the area of funding and fees, for example, illustrate the political constraints that are applied to the academic world and indicate the lack of any real commitment on the part of the government to maintaining the quality of our schools. As many have pointed out, government decisions have had a direct impact on students and the ability of some of them to continue their educations. Increased tuition fees and the method by which those increases will be applied, present new and potentially more damaging threats when seen in the light of other developments in Ontario's university system.

The recently announced funding formula appears to be so designed that almost everyone concerned is put into a no-win situation. Students are faced with the choice of paying more or discontinuing their educations. The universities, especially the smaller more regionally based ones, are put in an almost impossible situation. These universities, faced with the dual problem of declining enrollment and inadequate funding have had real difficulties balancing their budgets in recent years. Some of these schools are in dire need of additional funding, but here is the catch -- if they raise tuition fees, they run the risk of turning away potential students, something no institution can afford to do. However, if they choose not to raise their fees and seek special concessions from the government, the Ministry could quite reasonably respond by asking why the school doesn't simply raise its tuition and obtain the extra money that way. The university is caught in a classic damned if you do, damned if you don't situation.

On the surface, at least, the practice of allowing universities the right to set their own fee structures has some advantages. It recognizes that different universities have different financial needs. There is a tendency in our society, however, to equate bigness with quality. Because of this attitude and other reasons, we may be seeing the creation of a two-tirered university system in the province. This development could occur in response to or as a result of the decisions being made right now aobut funding schemes.

Large, firmly established universities, particularly those serving densely populated areas, will continue to have little trouble in attracting students, even if they raise their tuition. Should they do so, this will give these schools even more money, which can be used to improve their services and offerings, making them even more attractive and able to attract even more students. If this trend were to continue, the "strong" schools would become even stronger, with obvious consequences for the rest.

The institutions most in need of an infusion of capital at this point are the smaller ones. They are less established and more regionally based, therefore drawing on a smaller student base. These schools cannot offer the services that the larger ones can, they simply cannot compete. Among many other problems, they have especially suffered as a result of the freeze on capital expenditure grants.

If one wanted to find a sinister side to all this, it might appear that the government is guilty of some form of regional bias, that its commitment to providing education everywhere in the province has been somehow reconsidered. It may very well be that the government has decided that, in the interests of "efficiency", the smaller, less cost-efficient schools should be phased out, albeit gradually. What better way to avoid having to make an unpopular political decision, one that might tend to incur the wrath of the public, than to let it happen naturally? If the smaller schools find it more and more difficult to attract and retain students, who would ever know that this failure was primarily due to government policies and not simply the result of cruel fortune. Governments have been known to do more underhanded things.

Laurentian's 20th Anniversary Winter Carnival is in full swing, morning, noon, and night. The Dalton Boys provide the loony-tunes every afternoon in the Great Hall from noon until 4:00 p.m. Rumour has it they're top-notch. Why not check it out? It's free. Bar opens at noon.

New Student Organization

Ottawa [CUP] -- Canadian students' new national organization has been christened the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

Delegates from colleges and universities across Canada, excluding Quebec, met recently to plan the merging of the National Union of Students (NUS), the national political organization, the Association of Student Councils (AOSC), the service organization, and the various provincial bodies.

"What is important for students to recognize is that they will now be members of one umbrella organization instead of three," said Eleanor MacDonald, a Carleton University Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) representative at the conference.

She said in the past students were often unsure who was defending their rights in issues such as student aid.

MacDonald said provincial organizations will still exist. "Students across Canada are facing the same problems -- more cutbacks," she said. But each province faces a different situation so you must have a provincial level to work on that.

"But provincial levels can be co-ordinated into one organization so that they are more powerful."

Rob Sutherland, another Carleton OFS representative, said the basic goal of this restructuring process is to make student organizations more efficient and cohesive. He said there is currently an overlapping

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Universities Subject to Constraints

by Nick Antoncic

The recently announced increase in tuition fees for Ontario's colleges and universities illustrates rather graphically the government's confused and confusing policy (or policies) in the area of funding for higher education in the province.

The Minister of Colleges and Universities, Dr. Bette Stephenson, continues to maintain that "the unavailability of financial resources" prevents her ministry from following a course of action that would prove to critics that "the universities have never lost their priority as far as the government is concerned." It is an unfortunate fact of life, according to Stephenson, that the universities have been subjected "just as all other sectors of our society have been subjected, to the constraints that have been imposed by inflation".

Stephenson also suggests that some of the fiscal problems confronting the universities could be relieved if the schools would only "fit themselves to the times (whatever that means) and attract more students." The minister's "restraint" mentality doesn't seem to be applied evenly to all levels of the education system, though, since Ontario's elementary and secondary schools have not been subjected to the same degree of fiscal restraint in recent years. It is obvious that the government finds the colleges and universities far more wasteful and less deserving of the taxpayers' support.

To those critics who wonder why her ministry allows the lack of funds to strangle vital university research facilities, why university facilities are quickly deteriorating to the point where the eventual repair bills will be huge and the government just stands by and does nothing, why universities are prevented fron hiring sufficent faculty to ensure that acedemic standards are maintained, and why the operating grants to universities are, per capita, the lowest in the land, the Minister continues to waffle and obfuscate, quick to offer assurances but little else.

In this climate, university administrators seem resigned to the inevitability of continued restraint and future cut backs. Few, if any, expect any significant improvement in funding. The consensus among administrators seems to be that the best that can be hoped for is the continuation of a minimal

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Proposed Changes for Student Aid Program

Ottawa [CUP] -- At least another 100,000 students will be eligible for aid because of the recently proposed changes in the federal student aid program, according to the National Union of Students (NUS).

Representatives from NUS reacted favourably to proposed amendments to the Canada Student Loan Act announced January 20 by the Secretary of State. The major changes are:

-- the length of a course required to qualify as eligible is changed from 26 weeks to 12 weeks. Currently, students enrolled in courses of less than 26 weeks in duration are not eligible for financial assistance.

-- the annual loan limit of $1,800 is now expressed as a weekly limit of $56.25. This change allows students in courses of more than 32 weeks to receive more than $1,800. Under the present system, the maximum was computed on a semester system and did not take yearly programs into consideration.

Deb Thiel, chairperson of NUS, said students will benefit a great deal from the changes. "These changes are especially good for vocational students. Vocational programs are not the same duration as university ones and this has now been considered."

NUS has been requesting these changes for the last four years. A press release from the Secretary of State's office acknowledged the organization's role in the changes.

"Mr. Fox underlined that the subject matter of the bill was discussed with representatives of the National Union of Students."

Despite the positive reaction, NUS executive officer John Doherty did say the organization will continue to lobby the government for further changes in student aid.

"I'm disappointed that no provisions have been made for part-time students," said Doherty. "Most of them are women and they need aid as much as, or more so, than full time students."

Doherty also said NUS would like to see students given up to a year after they have found a job before they must repay their loans. Currently, students must begin to repay loans six months after they have graduated.

But, said Doherty, "NUS doesn't want to hold back these proposed changes" by introducing others at this time.

The changes are expected to be implemented by September 1981.

Holy Marijuana!

[ZNS] -- If you can see God when you smoke marijuana, it may be legal.

A U.S. federal judge has ordered the government not to destroy 26 tons of recently seized marijuana because it may have been destined for religious use.

Members of the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church say that the 1,260 bales of grass seized off the coast of Maine last October are holy.

"The coptics believe they need to smoke marijuana in order to see God," said an attorney for the Church. "They smoke an enormous quantity of it. They don't do it to get high. They do it to raise their consciousness."

The U.S. attorney office, however, wants to destroy the weed because, according to prosecutor James Brannigan, it is difficult to keep more than 50,000 pounds of high-grade marijuana "secure."

College is Respectable Too

by Charlotte Rivers

Years ago, only the very rich or extremely intelligent people were afforded the opportunity of a university education.

As a result, those possessing such an education were regarded as status symbols.

It seems this sort of pompous attitude runs rampant among most university students in regard to their college counterparts.

This comment should, perhaps, not be limited solely to university students.

Society in general utters the words "you mean your **only** going to college".

Parents are continually disappointed in children who opt for college instead of the traditional university.

Why are colleges not as respectable as universities?

The answer probably has to do with the lower costs of admission, lower grade requirements and shorter courses.

Society is still caught up in the old addage that "You only get what you pay for".

Colleges and universities are simply places of higher learning, each offering its own unique blend of courses and programs.

It is of no use to compare and rate the respectibility of one against the other as both exist to perform the same function.

Year of the Rooster

According to the Chinese lunar calendar, the year of the "Rooster" will begin on the fifth of February. On that day, the Chinese Students' Association will celebrate the Chinese New Year in front of the Great Hall. We will begin at ten-thirty in the morning and go to four-thirty in the afternoon.

On the following day, an exhibition will be held. Traditional Chinese New Year's customs, including some valuable photographs taken from Hong Kong will be introduced to all the students of the Laurentian University. At the same time, Chinese classical porters will be on sale. The prices will range from two to three dollars.

by Chinese Student Association

Nuclear Bunnies

[ZNS] -- And you thought "The Creature that ate New York" was just a movie.

The British Magazine **Undercurrents** reports that giant rabbits are plaguing the British nuclear industry.

"These dreaded creatures -- immune to poison, as big as hares, and bold as brass -- are running amok at British nuclear fuels LTD's Capenhurst enrichment plant and at the adjacent electricity council research centre."

The superbunnies are munching on the grass at the disposal site and seem to be thriving on it, the magazine says. "The only way of getting rid of them is to get in a rifle-toting assassin to carry out a cull every year or two."

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of sevices and a shortage of resources between the two organizations.

He said one organization would mean less waste. "If students are going to be served effectively, politics and services must be united."

Referenda will be held on most Canadian college and university campuses over the next two to three years, according to John Doherty, executive officer for NUS. He said about 90 schools will have the chance to join CFS.

The first two referenda will be held at Carleton and Saint Mary's universities in late February. Doherty says there is a good chance of success because most of the organizing has been conducted on a local basis and both councils are behind the new organization.

Summer Job Opportunities

by Gerry Spencer
Placement

The following is a list of summer employment opportunities available through the Canada Employment Centre on Campus. The deadlines for applications for these summer jobs are **fast approaching.**

Do you want to improve your French? Apply for work through the Ontario-Quebec Student Job Exchange Program. This year again, the Public Service Commission has the Career Oriented Summer Employment Program; anyone in engineering, business, applied sciences or pure sciences should apply. The Canada Employment Centre is accepting applications for the Student Placement Officer positions.

Falconbridge Nickel Mines Ltd. is accepting applications as well as College Pro Painters. The Ontario Society for Crippled Children requires staff for their resident summer camps in Ottawa, Collingwood, London, Port Colborne and Kirkland Lake. They are looking for nursing students, SPAD and Phys-ed undergraduates as well as students from other disciplines. Other employment opportunities in the field of recreation are available through Project D.A.R.E., the Sioux Lookout Recreation Dept. and the City of Brampton Parks and Recreation. There are other opportunities available for History, Commerce, Phys-ed and SPAD undergraduates with the Ministry of Natural Resources Provincial Parks Summer program (Parry Sound District & Huronia Parks District). Students in arts, science and engineering interested in research should apply to the Dept. of National Defence-Defence Science Summer Research Assistant Program. Finally, for students interested in summer jobs with amusement parks, there are opportunities available at Ontario Place and their concessions or at the new tourist attraction just north of Toronto called Canada's Wonderland.

Therefore, if you are interested in these and other summer employment opportunities, take time away from the Carny festivities to drop into the Student Placement Office at G3 Student Street.

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Does A Computer Have Your Number?

by Julian Betts
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On October 25, 1978, Stanley Rifkin, a California-based computer consultant, gained access to secret banking codes and, posing as a bank executive, managed to have $10,2 million transferred from Security Pacific National Bank in Los Angeles to a New York bank. Reputedly the largest bank robbery in U.S. history, the crime went undiscovered for over a week.

Last February, thieves electronically stole $2 million from a Florida bank, and kept the funds travelling from one computer to another for several days before depositing them in a Palm Beach Bank.

In 1978, Federal MP Dan McKenzie told Parliament that "computer frauds are now expected to exceed $300 million annually."

The list goes on. Clearly, ensuring the security of computer systems is no easy task. As an early '70s issue of Canadian Datasystems Magazine points out: "It is self-evident, but absolutely true, that there is no way of guaranteeing absolute security, of guaranteeing that someone who wants access to confidential data cannot with sufficient time and money do so."

Sometimes technical oversights may leave the door wide open for would-be thieves. Just before British banks began using a new coding system for inter-bank fund transfers, a computer analyst discovered that crooks could make undetectable transpositions in the codes, changing a $100,999 transfer to a transfer of $999,100.

Still, banks continue the trend toward greater computerization. A Bank of Montreal official told the **Daily** that inter-bank transactions "go through normal communications facilities, but the information is safeguarded in a number of ways...Over the last 10 years there has been no intrusion into the system." Despite the assurances of banks, the number of computer wire thefts that has already occurred reveals the fallibility of computer-run systems.

The problems of computer security do not restrict themselves solely to banking. Last April, students at Dalton High School in New York used their school computer and normal telephone lines to gain access to 21 Canadian computer databanks, including two run by the federal government. In the process, they destroyed information stored in the computer of the Canada Cement La Farge Company. Several weeks later, Donald Johnston, President of the Federal Treasury Board, could not assure Parliament that the government databanks involved had not contained "sensitive" materials.

These events spurred Parliamentarians to question the security of the over 1,500 federal databanks containing personal information about Canadian citizens. Opposition MPs quickly leaped on the fact that the two government databanks the New York students tried to gain entry to belonged to Bell Canada's Datapac system, which provides phone access to the computers of every major university in North America, including McGill's.

To contact a certain computer on the Datapac system, a would-be thief need only dial a phone number. He must then print in the correct code and password on his portable terminal to obtain access to a particular file. Guessing a complex code and the proper four to nine letter password may seem difficult. But computer expert Edward Glazer told the **Globe and Mail** that he could break such codes in five minutes, presumably by using automatic number sequencing devices. One enterprising University of Waterloo professor devised a method to store a person's codewords in the computer's memory, leaving the person slightly bemused by the computer's odd behaviour, but most likely unaware that the computer had stolen his secret identifying code.

Evidently, the ability to manipulate databanks in such ways poses a threat to the privacy of citizens. Masses of data have been collected about all of us. The flow of this information between different databanks results in a person having little or no idea of who knows what about his personal life.

The **Canadian Police Information Centre**, which has computerized files on 600,000 individuals convicted of no offense, allows the **FBI** full access to its records. The **Associated Credit Bureaus of Canada** exchange credit information with 3,000 businesses in Montreal alone. Provinces sell their motor vehicle records to private auto companies. Any householder who receives junk mail can testify that his name and address has ended up in unwanted places. Hundreds of other tidbits are stored in various databanks. Income tax returns, medical files, lists of phone calls made, dates of U.S. border crossings, credit card bills, all remain in vast computer repositories.

An example of the ease with which computers exchange information occurred in Winnipeg several years ago, when a high school student incorrectly coded his Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) form, causing the computer to record that he was studying at a school in Kabul, Afghanistan. Several weeks later, when Canadians were being evacuated from Afghanistan due to the Moslem uprisings, the principal of the school received a phone call from the federal government, asking if one of the school's students was presently studying in Kabul. Apparently, the Canadian government had gained access to the SAT computer files in the U.S. during its search for Canadians in Afghanistan.

In the last few years, opposition MPs have expressed concern about the flow of data between computers. They have worried in particular that the growing use of the social insurance number (SIN) by private firms would transform it into a national identity number, facilitating a tyrannical control over the private lives of individuals.

Indeed, one survey conducted by the **Department of Communications** revealed that 62 per cent of Canadians fear computers "will reduce us to numbers". But in a 1978 debate, Bud Cullen, then Minister of Employment and Immigration, made the telling remark that the transfer of private data between companies "would be possible using an individual's name, even if the social insurance number did not exist. I will concede that the SIN makes it easier. But if we did not have SIN, the computer could make the linkage anyhow." In other words, the SIN was only the tip of the iceberg.

Nevertheless, Parliament has passed several laws including the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Protection of Privacy Act which prevent the government from disclosing any personal information held in its files without the specific approval of the individual involved. The Freedom of Information Act, Bill C-43, will reinforce the rights of the individual as regards government files.

Many Members of Parliament view the SIN and protec-

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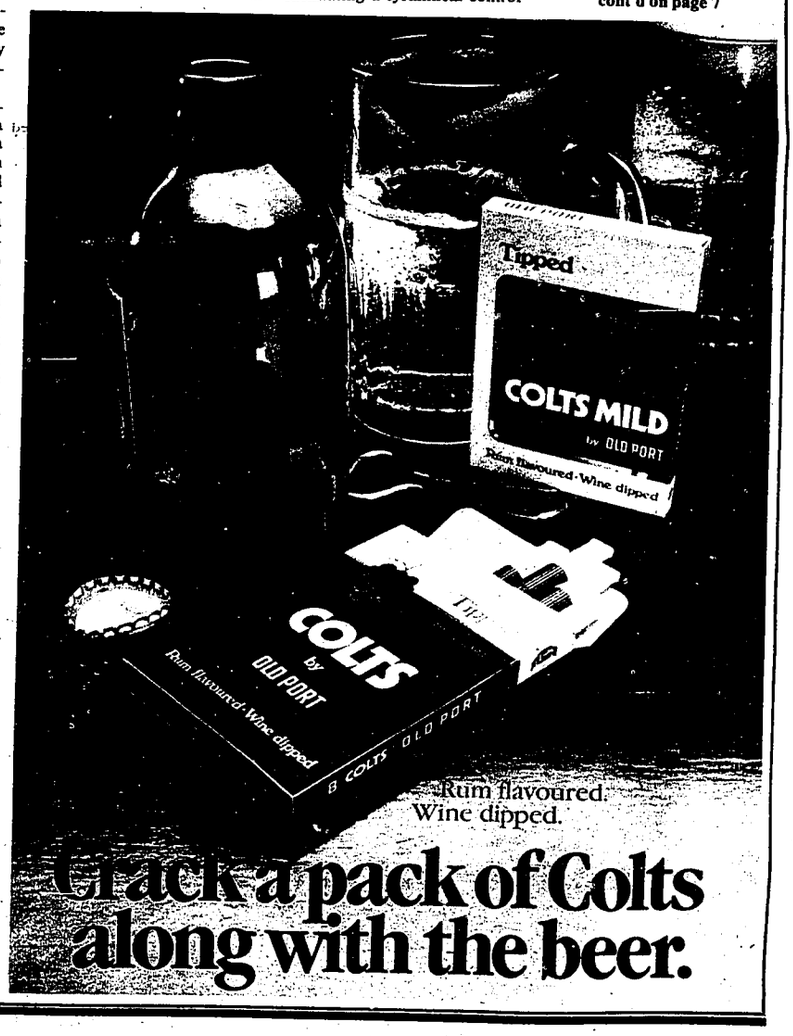

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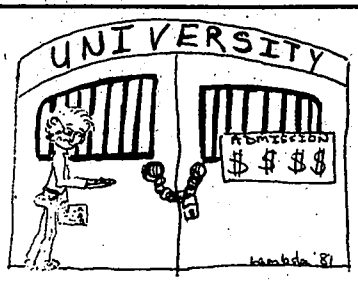


by Nick Antoncic

Now that the initial furor over the latest increase in university tuition fees has abated somewhat, it might be a good time to pause for a moment and consider the government's decision in a more realistic mood and reassess our current and future response.

It seems obvious that inflation has become a permanent fixture in our world. There seems to be little that anyone can do about the current state of our economy and there is no reason why, as students, we should feel that we are exempt from suffering the consequences of the "maturation" of capitalism.

The provincial government seems committed to its course of action and shows little if any sign of being responsive to the pleas and threats from the academic world. The Minister is motivated by her own perceptions of reality and has presented her case quite convincingly to the rest of the cabinet and the public. It's time that we (i.e. the academic community) realize that our message is **not** getting through. I'm sure that we are convinced of the justice of our cause, but being **right** is not enough.

One of the chief reasons for this failure is our inability to organize and present the necessary factual information to support our position. All of the components of our community, administration, faculty and students included, have failed to amass the documentation required. I would like to single out the student's failure, however, to demonstrate my point.

To be quite blunt about it, the various student organizations that have responded to this and other announcements have not included enough data in their responses to adequately support their position. Our principle failure has been our inability to show that tuition increases have prevented **anyone** from attending university.

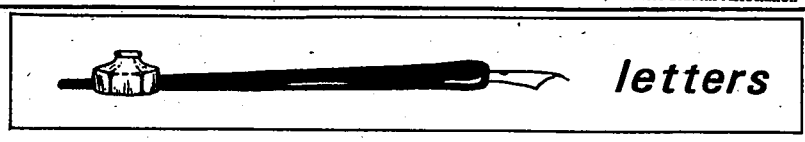
We have asserted again and again that fee increases tend to reduce the level of accessibility in our system; in other words, that fewer and fewer young people have a chance to go to university. The Minister points to a four or five percent increase in the enrollment figures for the province in the last school year. We are mute and seem unable to focus our attention on the challenge.

In essence, we surrender at this point and concede the battle to the opposition. We fail to point out the obvious, that these figures are only aggregates, averages that cloud the issue and avoid the real question that confronts the system.

What chance, for instance, does someone on the lower end of the income scale have of going to university? How does the occupational background of a person's family affect his or her chances? Does the government only consider the provincial median when making decisions; does it even realize that a significant part of the province's people is finding it nearly impossible to afford a university education?

We must provide a detailed and accurate socio-economic breakdown of the government's "magic" numbers if we ever hope to break its stranglehold on the public's opinion. We will make our case, only if we can demonstrate that certain groups are being denied access; when we can point to increased tuition fees and show how unjust they are and how they tend to be discriminatory in their effect. Until then, we are talking through our hats and deserve to be ignored.

Students will never have any political clout unless and until we learn to plan, investigate, organize and lobby effectively. All of this requires a lot more hard work than we have been accustomed to in our lives. Nothing comes easily in politics (and this is certainly political) and until we learn that fact we will accomplish nothing.



Transit Running On Empty

Dear Editor:

During the months of November and December (1980) a petition requesting extended bus service to the university was circulated throughout the university campus. Remember?

Anyway, after we had solicited over one thousand signatures, a letter from myself to Jim Gordon and a letter from President Henry Best to Jim Gordon, a meeting was arranged among myself, Mayor Jim Gordon and Toivo Ruckholm (Transportation Engineer).

After confronting Mr. Ruckholm with our grievances and explaining our dissatisfaction with the inadequate service, Mr. Ruckholm agreed that extended bus service was warranted and that he would do everything in his capacity as Transportation Engineer to provide the extended service.

During the December 11, 1980 meeting, I also mentioned the request for an additional bus stop in front of the science buildings. Mr. Ruckholm told me that he would look into the situation and inform me about the situation. To date, we have seen no action, no progress and no concern.

Also, during that same meeting, I asked Mr. Ruckholm to keep me informed as to the progress of the attempts to secure the extended bus service and the additional bus stop. As of today (January 28, 1981) I have not received any correspondence relating to the aforementioned requests. Maybe soon?

Furthermore, at a subsequent meeting on January 8, 1981, I was informed by Mr. Ruckholm that the extended service to the university would be instituted by January 12, 1981. Again, we have no evidence of action or even concern. Maybe they are not paid well enough to allow them to move any faster?

Well Sir, that is the situation in regards to extended bus service for the university. I hope that this letter will provide incentive to the students of Laurentian University to call Mr. Ruckholm (674-3141) and question him as to why this service has not been instituted. After all the Laurentian University run is the most profitable run that Sudbury Transit operates.

Bill Scott
Student Senator

Carny Ain't All Fun & Games

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to a most disturbing situation to which I was made to bear witness. This is Carny week, and, as we all know, it is a time for release, for venting frustrations and just plain good fun.

But is it a time to maliciously destroy **our** university's property and, at the same time, degrade our integrity? The answer is emphatically no, but the attitude being reflected by too many students certainly contradicts this logic.

I don't think I have to go into details or relate specific incidents in regards to this matter, as I am sure we have all seen, at one time or another, this form of social degradation. What I would like to do is appeal to our reason, our sense of good judgment and our maturity. Let's face it, we are all adults and we all have a responsibility to reflect this fact.

Next time you see somebody jumping on the furniture, making a mess with the ketchup and mustard, or just being downright belligerent, appeal to their judgment politely (if they have any) and just set an example of how to have good fun -- **without being obnoxious and destructive.**

By doing this I truly believe that not only will the rest of Carny week be a most enjoyable experience but the rest of this academic year as well. All I am saying is give peace a chance.

Name Witheld

Carny Criticism

Dear Editor:

One would think that by the time an individual had left grade school for high school the **schoolyard bully mentality** so often seen in the 9-13 year old age category would have long gone the way of baseball cards. It is therefore with considerable amazement that I find this same childish behaviour exhibited by adults who supposedly are beyond the age of reason. That some of these feeble-minded geeks have managed to infiltrate an institution of higher learning is in itself incredible: yet it is still to be hoped that these individuals who enjoy themselves by assaulting others will be drummed out of the university with all possible haste.

To those in question: There are several squalid hotels in our skid row section of town filled with men and women who would be more than happy to accomodate your aggressive instincts.

Perhaps being on the receiving end of a savage beating will help reform you.

Dave McCullough

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level of support to protect existing services and maintain some semblance of acedemic credibility. As William Sayers, spokesman for the Council of Ontario Universities put it, "What we are hoping for now are political decisions about the future direction of universities in Ontario and how they can survive without sacrificing educational quality. We keep hearing that higher education is a top priority in this province. Now we'd like to hear what that means."

The recently announced 10.1 per cent increase in operating grants to universities does little to demonstrate the government's total committment to higher education. The fact that the Conservatives seem firmly entrenched in Queen's Park and will probably continue their current policies prevents any realistic person from being overly optimistic about the future. Unless some great upheaval or turnabout takes place, it seems fairly certain that the current state of affairs will continue to deteriorate and that we will see a further diminishing of the quality of higher education in this province.

A major part of the problem confronting the universities is that the public seems to agree with government policies and is content with Stephenson's ongoing campaign against the waste of the taxpayers' money. The acedemic community has been, up to now at least, unable to gain any public support for its position. This is a serious failing and contributes to the universities' weak bargaining position whenever a confrontation with the government occurs.

Faced with all of these problems, what alternatives do the universities have? One course of action that is currently attracting attention among the universities and their administrations is the possible move toward "system rationalization". Put simply, this term denotes a proposed revamping of the universities in Ontario, one that would result in a planned and highly co-ordinated provincial university "system". In this scheme, each of the institutions would pinpoint its particular strengths (in acedemic and programme areas) and then channel additional resources to those programmes so that the overall needs of the system would be met and individual schools would become stronger. This plan would curtail sharply the autonomy of the individual universities and their presidents who, up until now, have been among the most independent in Canada. The reasoning behind rationalization seems to be that it would enable the universities to prevent a reduction of quality once they are faced with the seemingly inevitable reduced scale of operation that both government policies and demographics seem to indicate.

The Ontario Council on University Affairs has been pushing the concept of rationalization for some time now. In October of 1980, a brief entitled **System Rationalization: A Responsibility and an Opportunity** was presented by the OCUA to Stephenson and the COU. The OCUA position can be summed up by a passage from its first page. It says that "...if the universities don't get together and do the job themselves (of eliminating costly and unnecessary duplication of effort) the goverment will step in and do it for them". The brief is critical of the university system for its lack of co-operation in undergraduate programme planning and development. It urges more stringent planning and control in graduate studies and maintains that "unnecessary duplication of graduate programmes must be prevented and eliminated in order to protect existing strong programmes and to ensure that opportunities exist for innovation." One recommendation that warrants close attention is that universities "identify" their roles in the system so that each institution will be aware of the strengths of others, as well as their own. The brief also hints at programme closures and mergers.

Reactions to these suggestions vary widely and the issue promises to become both politically sensitive and the cause of much debate and soul searching within the university community. As OCUFA chairman, William Winegard, puts it, "Change is hard to take, but I think that the universities are beginning to realize that they can't all keep going their own way...in the long run, we should produce a system that uses the available money more effectively in the pursuit of quality."

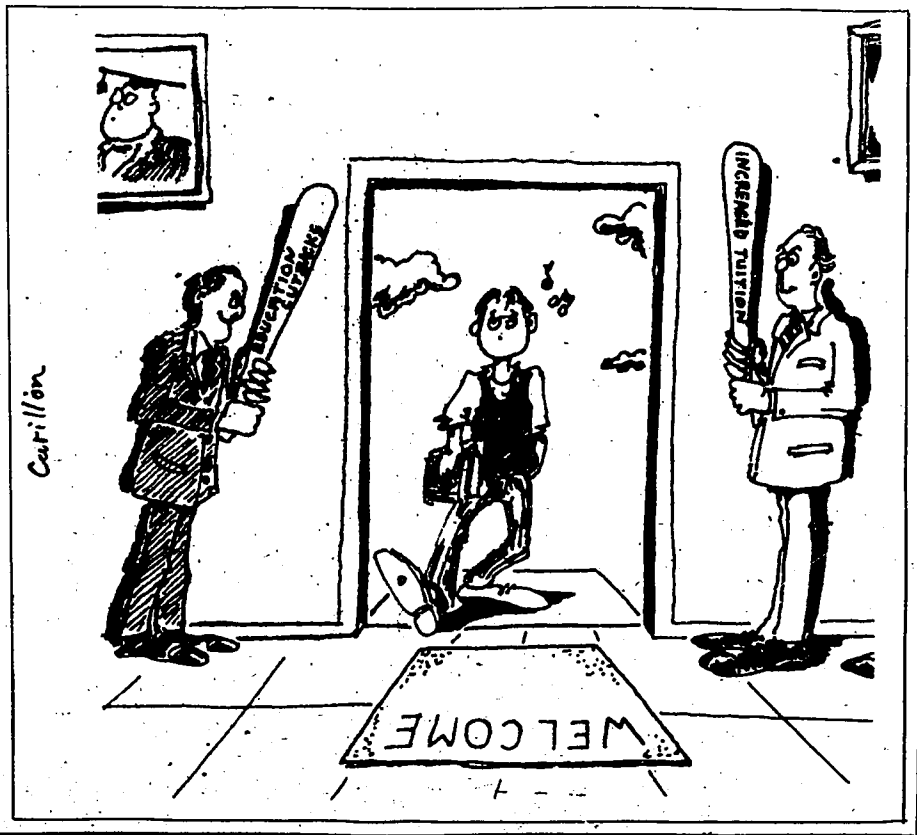
It is more than likely that some sort of rationalization will eventually come about. The form or context may differ from the current proposals, but the end result will probably be essentially the same. There are many who would argue the contrary; whatever the outcome, however, it would be unwise to completely ignore the possibility. Because of Laurentian's unique situation and potential, it is even more incumbent upon us to consider these ideas and begin to prepare a response.

There are, obviously, many sides to this debate and no simple single solution or agreement can be expected. At first glance, Laurentian, along with the other "small" universities, appears to be threatened by this scheme to a greater degree than the larger more established schools. The move towards rationalization might prove to be a real blessing to the school, if the changes are viewed in a more positive frame of reference.

One could argue, for example, that if this rationalization did take place, Laurentian would be in a good position to capitalize on its unique strengths and, more important, its unique potential. The university could maintain that, in certain cases, Sudbury was the only "rational" location for some programmes and disciplines, that we were the only logical place to provide the proper setting for any number of courses. Selecting those areas and ensuring that our case was forcefully and effectively made is a challenge that we are more than equal to.

If current trends continue (i.e. government funding is restricted and the number of students declines) and some form of system rationalization eventually comes about, it is likely that some of the academic units at Laurentian will either be terminated or drastically reduced. As a counter to developments such as these, we should begin planning alternative strategies now; ensuring that we have input in deciding our future and not simply "reacting" to outside stimuli. Planning and committment to a dynamic future now will ensure our continued viability.

There is no reason why we, collectively as a university and separately as individuals threatened with loss of a job and a career, cannot capitalize on this potential threat and turn it into a positive revitalization of the university.



Strokers' Box

by the RAMMs

And now for a big surprise... this is a Strokers' Box!!! The RAMMs are finally back to satisfy your insatiable curiousity with the latest and greatest from the big ghetto on the hill. Before we get underway, if you think that we RAMMs are going to stoop so low as to mention the "Poter's Office Caper", you're absolutely wrong. (But, my, the White Tornadoes have been so efficient in the kitchen lately) Indeed, Crazy Ray (no harm intended) and the boys are treading carefully given the close survaillance of Narc and Head.

What? Free beer and a poor turnout? Well, such was the case at the long-awaited grand opening of La Forge. We send out our liver-felt thanks to the magic beer fairy and it was greatly appreciated by the select few who managed to attend the event.

Armed with pots and pans (at least, they were pots and pans), cowbells, a variety of musical instruments and, best of all, a good number of strong lungs (and Marc Giles), the Strokers' thirst for beer conquered all in cheering the Laurentian Varsity basketball teams to victory at the annual Spirit Night. The party following was unfortunately rudely interrupted by an unwanted alien force, too insignificant to name.

Now on to the wide, wild world of Stroker sports. Congrats go out to the men's B hockey team for their valiant efforts in their quest for victory. *Better luck next year. As for the* A team, they are still going strong in their division's race, finishing third in the regular season standings. Their performace in the SPAD tournament amply displayed their great skill as they bravely battled McGlaughlin College who squeezed by them 8-7 in sudden death overtime in the consolation championship. On a final note, don't forget to come out and support both the guy's and girl's ball hockey teams participating in the Carny tournament this coming weekend.

Speaking of carnival, so far, so drunk, right? Now, all you single folks searching for the love of their life--the place to go is the U of S/Huntington Singles Night this Friday. There is bound to be someone there for you and if not, you can buy all the raffle tickets for the Texas mickey and drown your sorrows. Of yeah-- good luck to the chug teams in their endeavours this Tuesday.

Before we close, we'd like to remind all you cross-country ski enthusiasts of the Barrie ski trip on February 27th (if the skiing is not so great, the beer certainly will be!)

So, till next time... HAPPY CARNY WEEK.

Your ever-lovin' RAMMs

Thorneloe Thunder

by the Bird

The Bird is back to give you the ol' who, why, when, where, what, and how from the lofty peaks of Thorneloe.

Just like on the totem pole, the Lordly Thunderbird is at the highest point, above Hawks (and Coyotes), Strokers (whatever they may be) and Unicorns (who lay at the same level as the snails and lizards).

Picking up from where we left off last week, old Boog stumbled in late last Saturday night, after celebrating his 21st birthday. He had a hard time opening his well lubricated doorknob. When he went to flick on his lights, his hairdryer and siren sprang to life. It seemed that somebody misplaced all of his lights and his bed. He still owes two staple suppers (Kraft Dinner) to Gomer.

On Sunday, Private Dave picked up a few dollars from the Super Bowl Pool, in spite of his rooting for the Eagles.

At mid-week, "Mogan's Revenge" continued as the Nads dribbled around the Strokers for a 13-10 victory. Lil' Rooster Ron was the high scorer while Dr. W connected on a twenty-five footer. The Bird will witness the continuation of these winning ways when he and his squad don their blades to knock off the Engineers in playoff hockey action. Who are you rooting for Rene?

She and the rest of the girls showed up to play basketball Thursday, only to find out that their U.C. opposition was unable to show up since they were in a conference deciding how to place that Unicorn above that cotton-picking snail on the

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Unicornia

by Sosrobe & Assoc

For those of you able to see through the "alcohol haze" and decipher print, I will refrain from dwelling on the antics of Carny lovers. I will give a word of advice to those who are not so Carny prone....actually, I can't think of any like the Victorian mothers who would say, "You'll just have to grit your teeth and bear it dear".

For those of you who are active Carny participants, now is the time to gather incriminating evidence to be used for blackmail. Or, for the more slithery Carny dwellers, there is the act of "Hanking" which is an art in itself. Just ask Barry. He'll give you all the tips you will need.

Now, as a last piece of advice, especially to the rookies, never leave an event alone. Inebriated bodies who have wandered back alone have been found in various forms, clinging onto the rocks. Also, make sure the bathtub you crawl into is empty and as an extra precaution make sure it's unplugged. For those who find themselves with the Dry Mouth Syndrome, Rubbing Alcohol and mouthwash have been found to be good substitutes if a pint isn't available.

Now that I have accomplished what I didn't set out to do, I will have to bid you adieu. Enjoy the rest of Carny and hope that things will return to a normal level of insanity some time in the near future.

Chewin' The Bit

by The Seal

An effort is being made by L.U.E.S. to gather enough people together to order leather jackets. Students from other faculties or sports teams are welcome to place an order along with the Engineers; we'll gladly take care of the paper work. Cresting is easily interchangeable, and the more jackets ordered the cheaper they are. Presently, the jackets are priced at about $165.00, but this price could drop if a large number of jackets are ordered. Please contact Bill Danyluk at 566-9162 within the next two weeks if you are interested.

The engineering hockey team

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Cambrian Tops Hockey Tournament

by Ira Bailey

This weekend Laurentian University played host to eleven out of town hockey teams and five home clubs in the eleventh annual hockey tournament.

In 1969-70, Roman Woloszczuk developed the idea of a hockey tournament which originally hosted 6 teams. Although Roman left Laurentian University in 1974, he still maintained interest in the tournament by acting as a consultant. This year he is the official tournament faculty advisor.

The Tournament Committee this year has put forth a tremendous effort and are to be commended for the professional style with which they have executed their duties.

The tounament committee is composed of Randy Poole, Mike Fenton, Ron Greasley, Jan Green and Roman Woloszczuk. All but Roman are Sports Administration students.

In what was a fast, rough, but clean game, Cambrian College successfully defeated Carleton by a score of 3-0, on Saturday afternoon. Carleton had held Cambrian College to a 1-0 lead until the final five minutes of the game when Cambrian scored number two and then a third into an empty net. Part of the Cambrian victory was a direct result of the fantastic acrobatics of their goalie Eric Scheval, who won the tournament's MVP and Top Goalie awards.

University of Sudbury's Dan Perrault won the top scorers award.

In other games, Carleton defeated our own Mudsharks to clinch a spot in the finals, and University of Sudbury "Stokers" lost the consolation finals to McGlaughlin College of York University.

The tournament's Fair Play Cup went to Wally's Warriors from Queen's University and according to Jan Green of the Tounament Committee, it was a well-deserved award. "Wally's Warriors were great, enthusiastic and participated 100 per cent" said Jan Green. Cambrian College also put forth a good effort and really supported our Saturday night dance.

One sour note about certain competitors, mostly Laurentian teams, was directed at their lack of involvement with the finale of the weekend, Sunday's award's presentation, which had excellent involvement from everyone else.

Jan said that she was very pleased with the sponsors who had participated in promoting this year's tournament and also with the increase in fan turnout at the games. Special thanks to Labatt's and Frank Vetere's, two of this year's major sponsors.

MEN'S B-BALL ACTION

by Ira Bailey

Laurentian Voyageurs basketball teams were on the road again this weekend. To gain a different slant on our men's team-life, I decided to travel with the team for their two game schedule this weekend, with the blessings of Coach Mike Heale.

Its now 8:30 a.m. Friday and the fully loaded Budget rent-a-van now looks like a sardine can, full of long legs and long arms intermingled with the occasionally short torso (namely mine). "Let's go!" says the coach, until someone questions the whereabouts of Diago and Eddie. I soon find out that Diago and Eddie are not an Italian duet discovered to keep the team entertained on road trips (although they often seem to) - rather, they are two very hard working, talented guards. All are now aboard and we are on our way.

Spirits are high and the guys expect to have a win under their belt when they meet Ryerson at 8:15 tonight.

It is a tough game!Coach Heale is continually talking to and preping the guys. Two minutes till half time and the Vees have watched a fourteen point lead turn into a two point deficit. Second half looks much better and the Vees put together the effort required to secure a 79-73 victory. "Curfew is at 1p.m. I expect everyone to be in their rooms and remember we've gotta be together tomorrow night at York. We'll be at York at six and watch most of the girls game." The girls scare the hell out of us and those few other supporters who have come down from Sudbury today to support the Vees vs York duel. In a tight game, the girls loose by one point to York but manage to secure a tie with York for first place in the CIAU.

The men's team is not so lucky and although they toughed out York defensively, they were unable to penetrate York's extremely talented defensive unit during second half action. Final score saw York Yoemen over Laurentian Vees 75-45 with most of our points coming in the first half.

High scorers in the Ryerson game were Mike Sheridan and Brian Skeoch with 20's and Diago Favero and Dave Burden sharing a pair of 12's. In York's game, Sheridan and Skeoch scored 16 and 10 respectively.

The loss did not dampen the spirits of this team. They accepted the verdict, all excuses aside.

The team has resolved many of its earlier differences and is well on its way to becoming a team to be reckoned with throughout the CIAU.

P.S. Happy Birthday, Don Jones!

Ball Hockey

On Saturday, February 7th, the Ball Hockey Tournament sponsored by Thorneloe will commence. The play-offs will be played on Sunday, the last day and the last event of Winter Carnival '81.

Twenty men's teams from Thorneloe, Commerce, U.C., U of S, Huntington, Economics, Social Work, the A.E.F., and even Copper Cliff are represented. Team Uganda, led by 'Buzz' Bailey (who else) is one of the entries.

On the girls' side, six teams from Huntington, U.C., Thorneloe, and U of S are competing.

Schedules may be picked up at Thorneloe on Wednesday. Thorneloe is also manning a hospitality lounge in its Social Centre. Information, standings, coffee, and donuts may be acquired there all day Saturday.

Prizes and trophies will be awarded to the men's champions and consolation winners, and the girls champion team. Any questions can be forwarded to Ron Greasley, Dave Ballard, or Dave Lee at Thorneloe Residence (phone: 675-3946). Good luck to all twenty-six teams, even Team Uganda.

SPORTS WEEK IN REVIEW

by Randy Pascal

Men's Volleyball: Laurentian's men's volleyball received yet another setback in their bid for a playoff position as they lost six straight sets to Queens. On Friday night, Laurentian was defeated by scores of 15-11, 15-9 and 15-10, while on Saturday, Queen's trounced the Voyageurs 15-7, 15-9 and 16-14. Leading Laurentian in a losing game were Imants Koskins and Tim Loucks with 25 and 23 kills respectively for the weekend. Next weekend, the team travels south for games against York and U of T.

Curling: At a preliminary eastern bonspiel held this past weekend in Kingston, Laurentian's women's curling team recorded one win and two losses, to give them a fourth place finish at the event. On Friday night, the Vees lost a 12-7 decision to Trent before coming back to edge Queen's 10-8. On Saturday, Toronto doubled the Vees 12-6. On February 6th and 7th, the team travels to Kingston to participate in the Queen's combined tournament.

Alpine Skiing: Tracy Hurst led Laurentian's women's alpine ski team with a 12th place finish at a dual slalom ski meet held at Madonte, near Barrie. The Vees now stand in sixth place in the combined team totals. On February 12th and 13th, the women travel to Collingwood where they will face some of the province's best skiers in the slalom and giant slalom events.

Cross-country Skiing: Laurentian skiers fared quite well at the Udora Invitational cross-country races held this past weekend. In the men's open 15 kilometre race, Laurentian took the top three positions as Perry Sakki, Richard Pettit and Ulf Kleppe came in first, second and third respectively. Marcel Boudreau and John Gallien also finished in the top ten. Laurentian's Robert Mitchell won the junior

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is gearing up for its second playoff game with a series of strenuous workouts and strategy sessions. Workouts include watching Howie Meeker's Pro Tips, and thinking about renting practice ice time. Strategy meetings have included lectures by Tuna McDonald, entitled, "Five ways to open a beer with your hockey stick"; and by Ankles Nelson, "Safe places to carry a pack of cigarettes during a game, and how to light one up with your gloves on". Since this article was submitted before the Engineer's first playoff game Sunday night, I can't be sure how badly we beat the Thorneloe Rich-kids, or who our numerous scorers were. Details next week.

Tickets will soon be available from Marv Nelson and Gary Andrews for the Engineering formal. This is our chance to show the world we can, at times, be more than savages. All Engineers should attend this annual spectacular.

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tion of privacy issue as a tempest in a teapot as if government agencies could never possibly infringe upon the privacy of Canadians. Perhaps they have forgotten that in 1978, 32 years after the Cabinet had rescinded an order allowing the RCMP free access to income tax files, the Mounties were still obtaining income tax information in all sorts of cases. And perhaps they have forgotten that in 1973 the RCMP, under directions from Ottawa, stole a computer tape listing the Parti Quebecois membership.

Superintendent Melvin Deschenes of the RCMP's Security Service told the **Daily** that under present laws, only the individual can obtain information on his file. As for income tax returns and SIN information, "those are protected. We need a warrant to get that."

It seems that the new legislation controls the flow of government data quite stringently. But data transfers in the private sector are much more difficult to regulate. One firm, the Retail Credit Company, states in its 1972 Manager Manual that "our function is primarily the making of character reports on individuals... Most of our information is hearsay...The company cooperates with federal authorities in the United States and Canada... (R)equests (sic) usually come from...RCMP and other federal departments in Canada."

According to Edward Ryan, member of the 1972 Ontario Law Reform Commission, Retail Credit has several million Canadian files, which are "never to be shown" to the individuals involved. Ryan outlines the implications of such a system: "No one can doubt that the network linking together employers, police, insurance companies, governments and the marketplace represents massive, hidden, anonymous, arbitrary power. The individual is isolated -- completely alone -- and absolutely vulnerable when he comes up against this system. No law protects him. No court can help him...Opinions once freely expressed will remain unspoken. Political views will tend to become popular and conformist. Assertion of legal rights, particularly against the government and others who are on the information network, will be able to be done only at the risk of being classified by the system as a 'troublemaker'.

Grave implications indeed. But effective legislation can curb the problem. U.S. Congressman Koch once proposed that all agencies holding files on a person must:

-- Notify the individual that such a record exists.

-- Notify the individual of all transfers of information.

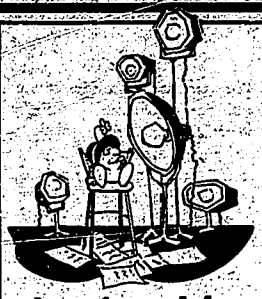
-- Disclose information only with consent or when legally required. Require the agency to keep a record of all persons inspecting the files.

-- Permit the individual to inspect his records, make copies of them, and supplement them.

(The associated Credit Bureaus of Canada already allow people free access to their own personal files.)

Such regulations would greatly diminish the potential for abuses of personal information. They would practically ensure that databanks would serve society better than they now do.

Doubtlessly, computer communications networks have much to offer society. In emergencies, they can track down badly need medical records or rare antitoxins. They also allow a person to extend his line of credit around the world. But society must guard against the dangers which these services entail. As American Senator Sam Ervin once told a Senate hearing, "Privacy, like many other attributes of freedom, can be easiest appreciated when it no longer exists. A complacent citizenry only becomes outraged about its loss of integrity and individuality when the aggrandizement of power in government becomes excessive. By then, it may be too late."



Huntington Highlites

by Coyote

Hello out there in...hiccup..., drinking world. Student life is pretty tough with studying during the week and relaxing during weekends (or is it the other way around). Our ball hockey teams have been secretly practicing, so the competition had better look out because we're out for blood, or in your case Bird...feathers. (Boy, could I use a pillow stuffed with feathers).

Believe it or not, not everyone can be a Voyageur. It takes guts, stamina, good muscles (stomach) and a strong mind (strong enough to overcome the reek of wine after the first night). It also take dedication to the job, even when you don't want to go out to drink again. That sip you might be carrying will give them the courage to continue on and even perhaps make them able to attend their classes. It also takes a certain "joie de vivre", because you have to be really social and offer the enemy some help (cheap wine). Did you know, for example, that Cheese and Sandy had to chip in together to carry a canoe from halfway between Cambridge and Ancaster to Sudbury, and that Dumb Twit (sorry I forgot Colleen) carried her canoe from Lively to Sudbury? Now that is what it takes to be a Voyageur, and I'm proud to say that Colleen, Sandy and Cheese have got what it takes. Therefore, the **Huntingtonite of the Week** award is won by our own Voyageurs (Colleen, Sandy and Cheese). Congrats folks; you will always be known as great pioneers in the world of drinking.

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Lady Vees tied for first place

by Arlene Barnal

The Lady Vees were on the road again this past weekend to face York University. The Vees dropped a 59-58 decision to York, setting them in tied standings with York for first place in Tier I conference play.

Laurentian was down the entire second half, but came within 3 points with 10 seconds remaining in the game. At the sound of the buzzer, Marion Waschulzic was fouled on an attempted shot and was awarded two free throws with no time remaining. Waschulzic sank the two free throws leaving the Vees one point down.

With Laurentian having defeated York by one point at home, and the Vees now being defeated by one point, there is no difference between the two teams in total points. This may lead to a tallying of total for and against points for both teams in their season play, to determine the first place winner of Tier I. The first place finisher in Tier I is allotted home court advantage for the Ontario Finals taking place February 20 and 21.

Laurentian veteran, Donna Zirojevic, played a strong game, ripping 10 rebounds and adding 17 points on the scoreboard.

Good luck to the Vees on the road again this weekend as they face the Toronto Blues and the Brock Badgers.

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men's 10 kilometre event and Ian Blair added a sixth place finish. On the women's side, Helen Lyndfors came in sixth in the women's open five kilometre race. All in all, it was a very impressive showing by the team and congraturlations go out to all of the skiers.

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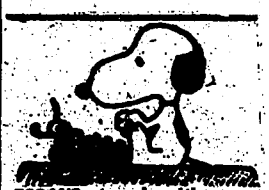
totem pole. All these Thorneloe victories are making me dizzy.

Our congratulations to the Coyote, for the Hawks' triumph over the Tecumseh Chiefs in the L.U. hockey tournament. Meanwhile our very own 'Animal Macdonald' contributed to the SSR Mudshark victory over Glendon. Mike's curse continued, as he came away snickering after his old buddies, the Strokers, dropped a game to of all teams, Cambrian.

Thursday marked the beginning of Carny Week, with Thorneloe celebrating at the Colin Linden Dance. We will wind up the week with a ball hockey tournament featuring twenty guys and six girls' teams on February 6 and 7. Any zebras out there, even with a horn on their head, call us.

Now, let's forget about trying to focus our blurry eyes on this column and continue with our Beerhall Blitz. Bar opens at noon.



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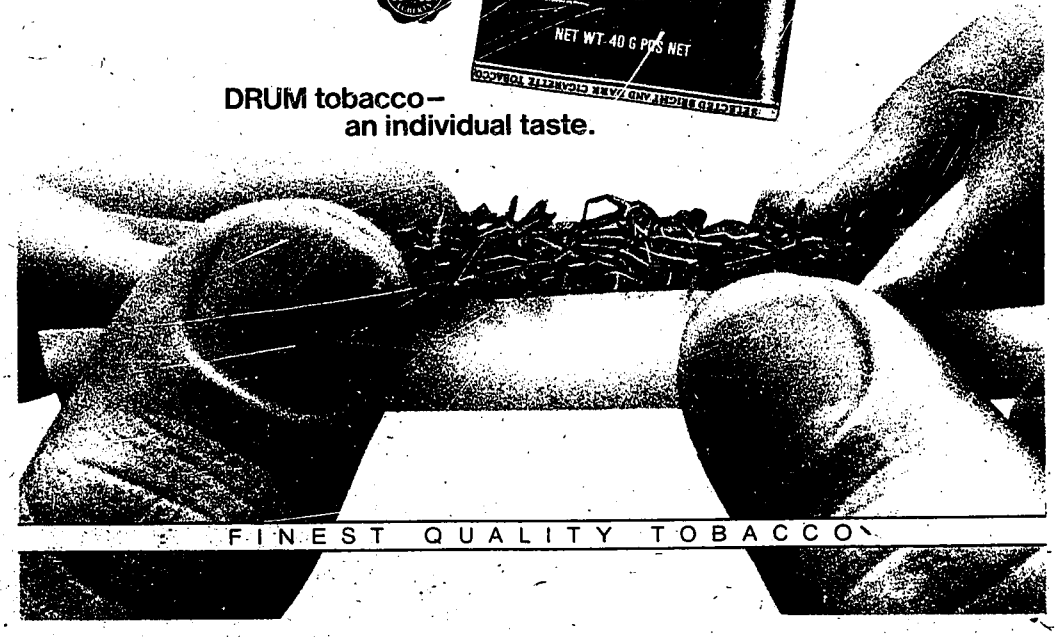

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